

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 5, 12 and 14 . The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

- 1-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) A method for treating a patient, comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of a retinoid receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof to a patient having at least one cartilage or bone pathology selected from the group consisting of a bone fracture, a congenital condition due to poor or retarded growth or ossification, ~~spondyloepiphyscal~~ spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia ~~congenital~~ congenita, skeletal dysplasia, and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia, ~~the method comprising administering to a patient having such pathology a therapeutically effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist.~~
6. (Previously amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said retinoid receptor agonist is an RAR receptor agonist.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said RAR receptor agonist is an RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist.
- 8-11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently amended) A method for stimulating the healing of a bone fracture in a ~~patent~~ patient that is in need thereof, ~~comprising:~~ comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of a retinoid receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

13. (Previously added) The method of claim 12, wherein said retinoid receptor agonist is an RAR receptor agonist.
14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said retinoid receptor is an RAR $\alpha\beta\gamma$ receptor agonist ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.~~